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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants filed an amendment/response to an Official Action in the above-referenced application on January 23, 2006. Because a Notice of Allowance or subsequent Official Action in response to our filing has not yet been received, Applicants are submitting this status inquiry.

A first Official Action on this application was mailed to Applicants on August 24, 2005. Applicants sought a three month extension of time for response and mailed a check in the amount of \$510.00 to the USPTO on November 21, 2005, along with Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.13(a) FY2005, to extend the response period to February 24, 2006. Applicants mailed a response to the Official Action, and a request for a Refund of payment for the third extension month, on January 23, 2006 (First Class mail). This communication was received by the USPTO on January 26, 2006, as evidenced by the return postcard stamped as received by the USPTO.

On March 21, 2006, Co-Applicant/Co-Inventor Richard Worrall received a courtesy phone call from the Examiner (Ms. Christina Russell). The Examiner was not aware that Applicants had filed a response to the Official Action and inquired whether we planned to do so. Applicant told Examiner Russell that a response had been timely filed. Applicant agreed to fax a copy of the filing, a copy of the check for the extension of time, and a copy of the return postcard stamped by the USPTO as received, to Examiner Russell. The material was faxed on March 22, 2006, and an automatic return fax from the USPTO was faxed back to Applicant indicating that the fax was received. On April 3, 2006, Examiner Russell issued an interview summary of the March 21, 2006 phone call.

On April 26, 2006, Applicant Worrall again received a phone call from Examiner Russell informing Applicants that the amendment/response was not in the prosecution file. Applicant Worrall again faxed the same materials to the USPTO, to two different fax numbers¹, as requested by Examiner Russell. Another auto-reply fax was received indicating that Applicant's fax was received on April 26, 2006.

Applicants have not had any further correspondence with Examiner Russell or the USPTO, and presume that the amendment/response of January 23, 2006 was received and is under review. However, because it has been eight months since the amendment/response was initially filed, and five months since the second copy was provided to Examiner Russell, and pursuant to MPEP §203.08, Applicants respectfully request (1) confirmation that the amendment/response was received by Examiner Russell, and (2) an update on the status of the patent application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would hasten the prosecution of the present application, then she is invited to call the co-

¹ Fax number 703-872-9306 and 571-273-8300.

inventor/co-assignee Richard Worrall, at 858-484-7736, to schedule a teleconference.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with the present communication. However, if any fee is due, please deduct it from the refund owed (see Refund Request in filing of January 23, 2006) or notify Applicants of the deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Worrall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

for Richard Worrall and Robert Sharp